

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Dependent claims 8 and 9 have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if suitably revised. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 8 (now canceled). Claims 2-7, 9 and 12 depend from claim 1 and, thus, are allowable therewith.

Withdrawn claims 10 and 11 depend from allowable claim 1. Thus, a rejoinder of these claims is in order, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Claims 13-19 and 35-57 have been canceled.

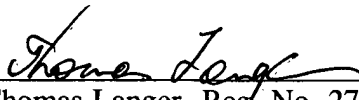
Claims 22-34 stand allowed.

In view of the claim changes made hereinabove, only allowed or allowable claims remain in the present application. Accordingly, allowance of the present application is in order, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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